

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of all claims now pending in the above-identified patent application (i.e., Claims 33-36 and 45-54) are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

At the outset, it should be recognized that the present invention provides a mixture of a citrus agent, which contains, for example, a bioflavonoid, and caprylic acid and acts synergistically to treat plants by providing anti-bacterial and anti-fungal protection to plants. In a preferred embodiment, a micro-nutrient is added to the mixture to simulate plant growth, while continuing to provide the stated protection to plants.

As will be explained in greater detail hereinafter, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims now pending in the instant patent application are in condition for allowance at this time.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his allowance of Claims 33-36, as part of the second Office Action.

By the present amendments, Applicants have cancelled Claims 37-44 and have added Claims 45-51. New Claims 45-51 are all dependent claims that depend, either directly or indirectly, from allowed independent Claim 33, and are there-

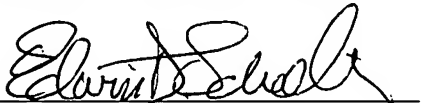
fore contended to also be allowable, and in condition for allowance, over the prior art at this time.

The cancellation of Claims 37-44 is submitted to render moot the Examiner's prior art rejection of the second Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully contended that all claims now pending in the above-identified patent application (i.e., Claims 33-36 and 45-51) recite a novel and efficient mixture of a citrus agent, which contains, for example, a bioflavenoid, and caprylic acid and acts synergistically to treat plants by providing anti-bacterial and anti-fungal protection to plants, which is patentably distinguishable over the prior art. Accordingly, withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and the allowance of all claims now pending are respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enc.: 1. Petition for One-Month Extension of Time; and,  
2. Check for \$475.00 (Extension Fee).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Applicants' Attorney, Account to No. 19-0450, for any additional fees which may be due in connection with the prosecution of the present application, but which have not otherwise been provided for.